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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert J. Mrofka et al. ) Attny Docket No.: RJM-01  
Serial No.: 10/615,315 )  
Filed: July 8, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 3611  
For: Towing Hitch Extension ) Confirmation No.: 9362  
 ) Examiner: Kevin Hurley

**REPLY BY APPLICANTS UNDER RULE 111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.